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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: MASS, PA

SUJB: 776TH AIR FORCE BAND

- 1. THE 776TH AIR FORCE BAND PERFORMED MAGNIFICENTLY DURING ITS ONE WEEK STAY IN PARAGUAY. THEY GAVE CONCERTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY MAINTAINING THEIR HIGH STANDARDS IN SPITE OF RIGOROUS TRAVEL AND LESS THAN IDEAL CONDITIONS IN MANY PLACES. THEIR VISIT WAS A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO US-PARAGUAYAN RELATIONS. I WAS, THEREFORE, SORRY TO LEARN THAT AT THE TIME THEY WERE CREATING SUCH A FAVORABLE IMPRESSION IN PARAGUAY, THE BAND MEMBERS WERE INFORMED THAT THEIR ORGANIZATION WOULD BE DISBANDED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
- 2. I AM TOLD THAT THIS CHANGE IS CAUSED BY A REORGANIZATION THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BETTER ALIGN AIR FORCE BAND RESOURCES WITH THE POPULATION AREAS THEY SERVE. I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO ACCEPT THAT ANOTHER ORGANIZATION COULD ADEQUATELY PERFORM IN A MORE HEAVILY POPULATED OR EXTENSIVE GEOGRAPHICAL AREA THAN THAT PRESENTLY SERVED BY THE 776TH AIR FORCE BAND. THIS BAND, BECAUSE OF ITS EXPERIENCE IN MULTI-COUNTRY VISITS THROUGHOUT LATIN AMERICA, WILL SURELY BE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN ONE PERMANENTLY STATIONED IN THE U.S. UNCLASSIFIED

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3. I WOULD STRONGLY URGE THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO RETAIN THE 776TH AIR FORCE BAND IN ITS PRESENT FORM, AND THAT THEY REMAIN IN THEIR PRESENT LOCATION SO THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS IN LATIN AMERICA. WHITE

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